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**ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE AND
SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Requirement for Restriction mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office March 15, 2004, in the above application. Inasmuch as the one-month shortened statutory period was originally set in the Office Action to expire on April 15, 2004, Applicants hereby request an extension of time for one (1) month and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time, together with all requisite fees therefor. However, if any extension of time is deemed to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge any extension of time fees and any other fees necessary for maintaining the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on Page 4 of this paper.

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